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## Australian Troops For Far East To Be Discussed

### Malcolm Macdonald Goes Early To Australia

Darwin, May 7.—Mr Malcolm Macdonald, the British Commissioner-General in South-East Asia, may shortly discuss the despatch of Australian troops to Malaya with the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, the British Paymaster-General, Lord Macdonald, said here today.

Lord Macdonald has flown in as head of the British delegation to the Commonwealth Conference on aid to South and South-East Asia, opening in Sydney on May 15.

He said that Mr Macdonald, who is also attending the Conference, was coming to Australia today, two days earlier than expected.

The Commissioner-General could then talk over with Mr Menzies various proposals affecting the two countries outside the scope of an economic conference. There were most likely military matters and would probably include the sending of Australian troops, Lord Macdonald added.

Asked if the Conference would not discuss the military situation in South-East Asia, Lord Macdonald said that its terms of reference provided only for debating economic problems, but he thought that the two were inseparable.

The conference was of tremendous international importance, he said. More than 500 million people—about a quarter of the population of the world—lived in South and South-East Asia.

#### SELF HELP

He hoped that the joint effort of the Commonwealth countries and the countries immediately affected would be able to assess the development most urgently required, estimate the cost involved and establish how far the countries concerned could help in their own development.

The British Commonwealth aid to Asia to be decided upon at the forthcoming Sydney conference will be offered "in a spirit of good neighbourliness," the Australian External Affairs Minister, Mr Percy Spender, said today.

Acceptance of aid would not involve the Asian countries in any commitments other than the use of available technical and other resources for their intended purposes, he declared.

The Commonwealth Consultative Committee on South and South-East Asia, which began its meetings in Sydney on May 15, would consider asking interested non-Commonwealth Governments for their collaboration, the Minister added.

The Committee would "receive and consider statements from the several Commonwealth Governments as to action feasible under the recommendations of the Colombo Conference relating to economic aid to the area."

#### PRIORITY NEEDS

Its detailed tasks would include the "consideration of priority economic requirements of the area and an examination of the methods of co-ordinating development activities in order to raise the level of production and standards of living."

Mr Spender said that senior officials of all delegations would meet in Sydney on May 11 to clear the ground for the plenary session. Lord Macdonald, heading the British delegation, was expected to arrive in Sydney by air tomorrow.

Mr Spender, as the leader of the Australian delegation, will be assisted by Mr Alan Stewart Watt, who in February returned from his post as Australian Ambassador in Moscow.—Reuter.

## Espionage 'Trial' in Prague Ends in Death Sentences



The "Trial" was completed in Prague at the end of April of five men and a woman arrested on charges of high treason, alleged to have been incited by the U.S. Embassy. The three who were sentenced to death are shown awaiting announcement of the verdict.—(London Express Service).

## Regime Already Lost?

London, May 7.—The problem of Indo-China is "perhaps the most urgent and also the most intricate problem" facing the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France when they meet here this week, says the Sunday Despatch.

"France recognises that Europe's inherent fear of a strong Atlantic policy springs from weakness in the sphere of military defence," the paper continues. "That weakness is desperately increased by France's own heavy commitments in Indo-China."

"But we cannot escape the conclusion that the loss of Indo-China would so speed the Communist drive across South-East Asia as to bring countries to which we are ourselves deeply committed into immediate danger of attack and conquest."

"Where is the line to be drawn and how is it to be defended? How does Malaya differ from Indo-China?"—Reuter.

## Police Clash With Demonstrators In London's Streets

London, May 7.—The police today detained 60 people, 31 of whom will appear on various charges in London magistrates' courts tomorrow following turbulent scenes in London's West End during traditional May Day demonstrations.

Communist and Left-wing demonstrators, carrying banners with the slogan, "Peace," "The War in Malaya" and "Down With The Atom Bomb," clashed with hundreds of foot and mounted police in and near Trafalgar Square while attempting to defy the ban on political processions in metropolitan London.

The ban, imposed to prevent further clashes between supporters and opponents of Sir Oswald Mosley, premier British Fascist leader, recently renewed for another three months.

Police grappled with demonstrators in the Square itself, traditional site of public meetings at the foot of the Nelson Column, and turned others back at the head of nearby Downing Street, where the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, lives and works at No 10.

Hand-to-hand struggles between the demonstrators and police occurred in various parts of the West End, including the Oxford Street shopping centre, as thousands converged on Trafalgar Square for a rally called by the London Trades Council.

## Dramatic Signal From Missing Trawler

London, May 7.—A voice, believed to be that of the skipper, Alexander Smith, of the Welsh trawler, Milford Viscount—missing in the Atlantic for three weeks—came over the loudspeaker at a Scottish lighthouse today while his brother, William Smith, sat transfixed by the radio.

William Smith was convinced it was his brother who, with his crew of 22, had twice been given up as lost, presumed dead.

The voice—weak but distinct—was heard to say: "This might be my last call. Batteries going flat. Position 72 degrees 40 minutes North 17 West."

This would place the vessel north of Iceland and east of Greenland. Local fishermen said that the North Atlantic drift could have carried the Milford Viscount there.

William Smith and a lighthouse keeper heard the message at 4.30 this morning at Tarbat Ness lighthouse, near Inverness. They could not reply for the lighthouse radio can only receive, not transmit.

They contacted the Admiralty, and an urgent call went out to all trawlers and other vessels to look out for the Milford Viscount and listen for any further signals.

The area of the search is about 100 miles inside the Arctic Circle to the north of Denmark Strait.

A United States Air Force B-27 bomber took off from Iceland this afternoon to search for the missing trawler, Milford Viscount.

A Royal Navy spokesman at the Royal Naval Base at Rosyth, Scotland, said a message about the radio signal received at Tarbat Ness was being sent to the fishery protection sloop, Cygnet, which was off the north-west Irish coast on her way to Iceland.

But Mr J.C. Ward, managing director of the Milford Steam Trawling Company, the vessel's owners, described her reported position as "completely and absolutely fantastic." After saying he was glad a search was still being made, he declared: "If the radio message received at Tarbat Ness is a hoax, it is a shocking thing."—Reuter.

## Winnipeg Flood Havoc Worst In 89 Years

### RAGING RIVER LIKELY TO RISE FURTHER

Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 7.—The raging Red River surged over its banks on a 70-mile front today, driving an estimated 8,500 persons from their homes. Flood workers warned that a new crest was rolling northward across the American border and that the worst was yet to come.

Nearly half the evacuees had fled from the suburbs of this city, the fourth largest in Canada with a population of 300,000. The Red Cross and Army quartered the homeless in railway sleeping cars, Army barracks and private homes; not yet hit by flood waters.

In some low-lying residential areas, 10 feet of water swirled through deserted homes. A survey showed close to 1,000 homes in Greater Winnipeg abandoned. Guards were posted around deserted houses to prevent looting.

Residents at St. Adolphe, 20 miles from here, were reported to be slaughtering stranded cattle in order to eat as the flood waters had cut off their food supplies.

So far the power lines are still holding out and food supplies generally adequate here, but city engineers warned that the onrushing waters had flooded some sewers and the city's water supply might be endangered.

Doctors reported that some 500 patients were evacuated from four Winnipeg hospitals and sent to other hospitals in order to be emptied faster. The river already has swelled to more than 27 feet, nine feet above flood level. Civilian volunteers and 700 soldiers are battling the floods and more are being recruited hourly.

#### DISASTER BASIS

Across the border, the Red River and its tributaries were causing hundreds of American families to flee their homes. At hard-hit Crookston, Minnesota, the Red Cross estimated half the city flooded and 1,000 homes affected. Some 200 families have already been evacuated and the authorities are debating whether to move everyone from the stricken area.

Even Winnipeg to the border cattle were reported stranded in desolated areas and on hilltops. Agriculture Department officials said some 3,000 animals were in danger.

Civil engineers said the river might rise another five feet before it hits the crest. The flood is the worst in 89 years. The Army has thrown up 680,000 sandbags and still more were being flown in. Thousands of evacuees crowded into those churches which were still open, to pray for an end to the river's rampage.

The Army, commanding flood work, was almost on a wartime footing, said a spokesman. (Contd. on Page 5, Col. 2)

## Road Towards Harmony

Rhine, May 7.—On the fifth anniversary of Germany's unconditional surrender, the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, today declared that France was willing to forget her "sufferings and griefs" if neither West or East Germany were allowed "an army or armaments."

Mr Auriol was addressing a memorial service to French former resistance movement members in this historic town where the surrender was signed five years ago.

It is not too late for statesmen to take again "the road of unity and confidence," he said.—Reuter.

## BRITISH TRAWLER SEIZURE

### Moscow Preserves Blank Silence

London, May 7.—The disappearance of a British trawler in the White Sea is expected to be the subject of questions in the House of Commons this week.

The 337-ton Grimsby trawler, Etruria, seven days ago sent a message: "Russian naval party boarding us."

All the efforts of the Foreign Office since to get information from Moscow have met the same blank silence as had followed this last signal. Wives, relatives and shipmates of the 20 men missing with the Etruria have waited for news all week.

The Sunday Express said today that an "impenetrable darkness" covered Russia. "An American aeroplane touched the fringe of this dark world. It vanished."

"A British trawler also came near the fringe of the land of mystery and darkness. Both ship and crew have vanished."

"More than one and a half million Germans are simply stated to have vanished. Millions of civilians, deported from the Eastern provinces of Germany, have vanished. So have millions of Japanese. The civilized world holds no more horrifying problem."—Reuter.

#### EDITORIAL

### East Asia Get Together

THE value of the East Asia conference to be held in the Philippines towards the end of the month depends very largely on what the delegations of the various countries invited are empowered to bring into it. It may be, as was envisaged by President Quirino when issuing the invitations, the beginning of a series of consultations and an altogether closer association for mutual benefit. It could be also a waste of time and energy. Hopes are, however, running high. Such a conference has never before been held and never has it been more necessary, with the Communist menace dark on the horizon. What is accomplished from a practical viewpoint is not of the greatest importance. The vital thing is that there is to be a get together to discuss common problems, a useful meeting of minds which may easily be the precursor of an era of harmony and understanding in this part of the globe which can develop into a factor of tremendous influence on historical events during this stage of crisis and flux. A somewhat similar move towards an East Asiatic "alliance" was made under President Quirino's leadership more than a year ago. At that time both India and the United States indicated a decided coolness towards the project, apparently on the ground that what the Philippines was contemplating was an anti-Communist military pact. The American attitude then was that the United States did not see in the South-East Asian region the possible elements of a common ground for action or for the cohesiveness that had made an Atlantic Pact possible. India showed a reluctance to be aligned specifically in any "ideological camp," hoping to serve as a "bridge" between

conflicting groups. What is coming up now is something broader than the original pact proposals and there is no reason for coolness. The lack of homogeneity was urged as an argument against any decisive agreement. But it is the very lack of homogeneity that makes efforts at closer integration imperative. All the diverse parts of South and East Asia have, at present, one thing in common—the threat of aggressive communism, directed from the outside. The least that they can do is to explore all their grounds of mutual interest so as to see how they can, individually or collectively, meet that threat. But this is only part of the story. There is much that needs to be done in East and South Asia to bring large population groups into closer friendly association with each other. There are badly needed adjustments in economy that can be developed in working contacts. There are some programmes, such as those in the field of public health, that can be most effective on a regional rather than a national basis. There is no reason why the field of such a meeting need be limited to one phase of relationships, such as, for example, wise planning for defence. There is good reason why its scope should be large and its purposes positive. Those good purposes can be reflected in greater stability, in political progress, in social gains, in a happier life for individuals, and a closer and better relation with the free world. To that end enthusiastic support should be given to this conference. Its results will be studied with the keenest interest, with the assurance that the Western world will lend positive aid in any programme that holds promise.

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## He's Best Dressed In Britain

After Dior, after the Paris fashions, after all the arguments about what Miss Gussie Moran should wear at Wimbledon—here comes "Britain's Best Dressed Man."

Who is he? Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Conservative MP for Aldershot.

The title was given him by Mr A. A. White.

And Mr White is in a position to judge. He himself has a title—President of the National Federation of Practical Master and Foreman Tailors' Society.

### IN BLACK AND WHITE

What did Mr Lyttelton wear?

A black coat and striped trousers, a white shirt and striped tie, with a black-and-white spotted tie, with pearl tie-pin, and a thin gold watch chain.

Why does he dress so well? There was a clue in a speech he made opening an exhibition at the offices of the Tailor and Cutter, in Gerard Street, W.

He said: "To be ill-dressed or to turn up in badly-creased trousers, unless economic necessity or high taxation makes it necessary, is a sign of over-confidence or of fame."

"It is a form of conceit to think that an ill-dressed man is likely to have more success than a well-dressed man. It is before a jury in a law suit, or in a business negotiation, or the most serious negotiations of human life—with the female of his choice."

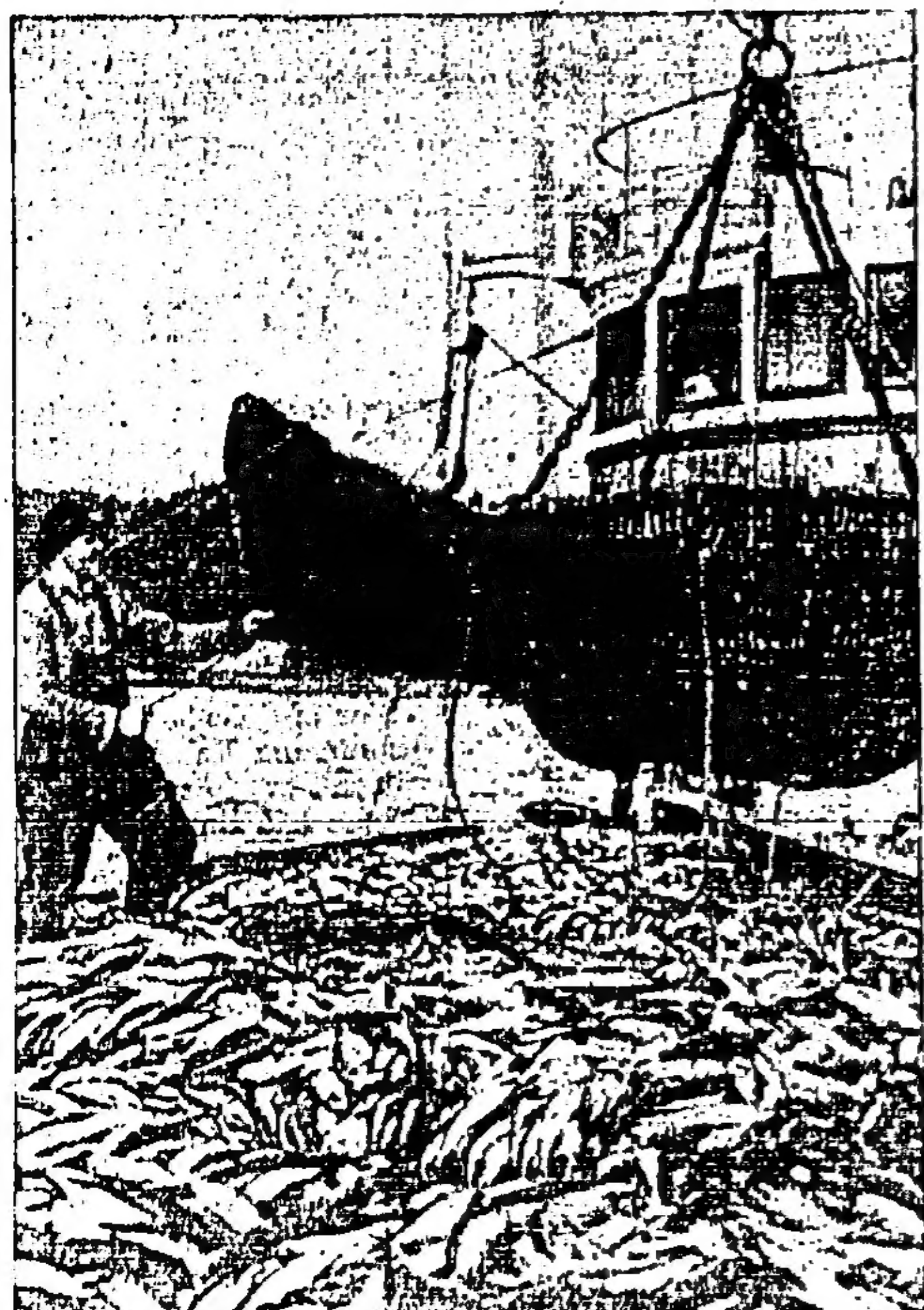
"There are not many people entitled to wear clothes of another era. I will mention one of them. Mr Winston Spencer Churchill sometimes takes advantage of his fame."

## Accident Victims Improving

The condition of the two young women from the Ambassadors Hallroom, the Misses K. Lin and Chan Man, who were seriously injured in a traffic accident in King's Road at 2 a.m. yesterday, is improving, according to the latest report this morning.

The women were in a car driven by an employee of the Broadland Relay Service Ltd., which crashed into the west gate of Talkoo Dockyard.

## BIG BUSINESS



KNEE-DEEP in a catch of herring, a fisherman in Bergen, Norway, operates a special basket for unloading it. The container has a 600-pound capacity for catching the fish which have built up a multi-million-dollar business in that country. (Acme).

## 'KNIGHT SCHOOL' BOY AND A 'BALLY DANCER'

Boys and girls, in Britain, aged 14 to 20, were asked to answer a list of 20 questions about themselves. One thousand and four sent replies.

One of the 500 boys "went to the cinema." Others went to the "pictures." One, aged 16, went to "Knight school."

Some of the 501 girls went to "jazz" or just "messed around."

Jobs were listed as "mechanics, electricians, plumbers," and "plumbers." One 16-year-old

girl wanted to be a "bally dancer." "The standard of writing and spelling among so many of these young people was astonishing," writes the Rev. Bryan Reed, 45-year-old head of a Birmingham training college.

The questions were prepared by Mr Reed, who has a 17-year-old daughter, as part of a survey of 80,000 young people.

### READ COMICS ONLY

He was helped by his staff and 60 students, who went out with notebooks to record what they saw and heard.

The job took three years, and the information obtained has been written into a book, "Eighty Thousand Adolescents."

This reveals that the investigators visited 321 of the city's 1,400 youth organisations. They called at cinemas, dance and billiard halls, and pin-table arenas.

And it was found that most boys and girls spend three or four nights a week at home. Each fortnight they go to the pictures three times and dancing once.

Many of them read nothing but comics and lurid magazines—a bleak, intellectual poverty," writes Mr Reed.

A quarter of them had not read a book for six months. Popular titles were "No Orchids for Miss Blandish" and "Forever Amber."

Nine out of ten boys and 86 out of 100 girls said they enjoyed their jobs. But many of them did as little as they could.

### AMBITION

Their ambitions? Most girls wanted to go on the stage or screen. Only 73 out of the 501 who answered the 20 questions wanted to get married.

Several boys wanted to be professional footballers. One wanted to be an M.P. Another a driver's mate on a pop lorry.

Mr Reed is sure of one thing. "Mixed clubs are better than boys' or girls' clubs. Boys from mixed clubs are not less 'manly'."

## Iron Curtain In London's West End

A £35-a-week man sits in a West End travel office doing nothing—except to tell people that the office has gone out of business. "Better try some other agency," he is saying to dozens of travellers who look in to book air and rail tickets every day.

## POACHERS USE POISON ON FISH

Highly organised gangs of poachers in Scotland are making £100 a night by raiding salmon and trout. To get the fish they use explosives, poison, and electric shocks.

In one area of Scotland taxidivers earn up to £25 a week for taking poached fish to the disposal centres.

So reported a committee set up by the Secretary for Scotland. It says poaching is no longer confined to men operating in home districts.

Now gangs in cars raid remote waters.

This "commercial proposition" has been made possible, says the committee, by—

High prices for salmon and trout; inadequate penalties for poaching and the readiness of restaurateurs and public to buy "black" fish.

The committee suggests watchtowers for rivers and lochs; harsher penalties; confiscation of equipment, including cars and boats; powers to search and seize; and licences to deal in salmon and trout.

Now the maximum penalty for salmon poaching is a £5 fine, no deterrent to a poacher who can get up to 10s. a pound.

Poaching with nets is an offence if committed by three or more people together. So the penalty is dodged by working in pairs.

More up-to-date poachers have collected explosives from unguarded ammunition dumps.

But the very latest poachers use electrical devices to stun the fish.

## HAS HIS H-BOMB DOUBTS

Swedish nuclear physics expert Dr Torsten Magnusson said recently he was not at all sure the hydrogen bomb could be made.

"Hydrogen bomb construction must be only at an initial, experimental stage, and the problem of changing hydrogen into helium cannot be solved by the methods indicated in the American Atomic Energy Commission report—if it can ever be solved," Magnusson said.

The reason for his scepticism is the extremely high temperatures required for the operation—"temperatures and basic circumstances which now exist only on the sun and which cannot be reproduced on the earth." Not even the high temperatures produced by a uranium bomb explosion would be sufficient for the purpose, he added.

Dr Magnusson, who works for the Swedish Defence Research Institute, said he thought the only feasible way of increasing the effect of an atomic bomb at present was to increase the efficiency of the present types. Reactions produced with light elements, such as lithium or a hydrogen isotope, might also be used, he thought, but "as to this method we can rely only on hypotheses which, so far as is known, have not yet been proved."

The £35-a-week man is dapper Jaroslav Polak, aged 49, London manager of Cedok, Czech travel bureau, and a wartime fighter with the Czechs who escaped to England.

The Ghost Office he runs is in Regent Street.

And this is why it is a ghost office—

Into it walked Dr Karel Svec, Czech commercial attaché, with a letter ordering "on high authority from Prague" that the branch ceased to exist on April 1.

"Give me all your tickets," demanded the doctor. Mr Polak handed over those issued by Cedok's Prague office, but refused to part with tickets issued by British and other airlines and railways.

Added Mr Polak: "I don't know what will happen next."

"Dr Svec seemed surprised when I told him this bureau is a company registered in Britain. But he said: 'Surely the Prague people know more about the business than you do.'"

### WALKED OUT

"I retorted: 'I don't think so. I have been with Cedok for 25 years and did not come up with the Communist push.' Dr Svec walked out."

Mr Polak phoned his Prague employers. The agency, he said, "Leave everything to us. You and your staff are Czechs. We will attend to your affairs."

Mr Polak told the lawyer he is a British citizen. "That was one of my trump cards."

He added: "I intend to fight the decision to close the office. My colleagues do not wish to return home. They have married English girls."

Dr Svec said: "The London office has not paid its way."

"I asked for all the tickets because headquarters put up a guarantee before they were issued. I intended to return them all."

The wrangle goes on. But Mr Polak, who lives in London with his Austrian-born wife and daughter, is still opening his office at nine o'clock every morning. And shutting it at five o'clock.

## FIGURE GIRL



ALTHOUGH actress Dorothy Hart was a well-known cover girl, it took the movies to show she could also be a figure girl. Here, in Hollywood, she lets the camera prove the point. (Acme).

## TALKING FOR HIM



THE inscrutable Sphinx at Giza, Egypt, hasn't talked in all his 5,000 years, but he's still the magnet that draws tourists to that country. Despite his silence, however, he's always surrounded by dragomen, tourist guides like those shown here, who are more than anxious to do the talking for the Sphinx. (Acme).

## Too Many Forms, So The Firms Reject Orders

If an article for repair is sent to a firm in Britain from abroad, the firm are required to fill in four forms and to pay the Customs a duty on the article to ensure that it will be returned.

As a result, many British firms are now refusing to accept such orders.

This is the procedure: When an article for repair arrives at the Customs, a form is sent to the repair firm asking them to state when and where the article was bought.

This usually means that the firm must write to the owners and ask these questions.

When they have completed this form they get another asking them if they will pay the deposit on the article.

They have to say "Yes" or "No," and give their reasons for either.

Then a third form arrives asking if they are ready to receive the article.

Again they have to say "Yes" or "No," and give their reasons. Finally the articles arrive.

## East Germany "Celebrates"

Berlin, May 7.—East Germans celebrate for the first time, a new public holiday instituted this year to mark Germany's liberation from the Nazi-Fascist yoke.

The main ceremony of the day will take place at East Berlin's huge Soviet War Memorial, where West German leaders and workers' delegations will lay wreaths at the foot of the huge statue of the Unknown Soviet soldier.

Later, Government leaders and delegates will attend an official ceremony at the Soviet State Opera House, and during the day school-children will hear lectures on the significance of the struggle against capitalist imperialism.

Among Liberation Day slogans is one hoisting "brave fighters for peace in France, Italy, England, the United States and all capitalist countries."

The only other allusion to the Western Allies says, "Liberation Day is a day of protest against Anglo-American war-mongers."

Meanwhile, in West Berlin life will go on as usual, with neither British nor American celebrations.—Reuter.

## TRUMAN OFF ON TOUR

Washington, May 7.—President Truman set out today by special train on a 10-day speaking tour of the country. He will travel through 10 States as far as the West Coast, and is due to make several major speeches, although only one of them is likely to deal with foreign affairs.

The tour is described by officials as non-political, but the Republican Party has called it a "political junkie" designed to try and influence the November Congressional elections.—Reuter.

## No Money, So Fewer Dine Out

West End restaurants cannot be run just for overseas visitors, and they must cater chiefly for the people who live in Britain, it was said in London the other day.

At present, however, Londoners and people from the country visiting London, "have such calls on their resources that they cannot afford to go out as they did once."

This was the comment of Mr H. W. R. Wontner, chairman of Savoy Hotel Ltd., announcing at the annual meeting a trading balance for 1949 of £473,252.

This is a decrease of £155,099 on 1948, and less than in any year since the war.

The tendency for people to go out less "was more pronounced in the past 12 months, and although it may be unavoidable for the time being it all tends to make London as an international centre less attractive than it was and should be," Mr Wontner added.

### WARTIME CONTROL

He hoped Food Minister Maurice Webb would quickly end the artificial and complicated wartime control of restaurant meals.

"If this can be done it is very likely that people will find not only a greater variety in the fare that can be offered, but also a much fairer system of charging according to what is taken, and certainly a bill that can be understood by a foreign visitor."

There remains, he said, the necessity of providing hotels and restaurants "with those ingredients essential to good cooking which are at present either very scarce or not available at all."

## TORE SOVIET FLAG

Berlin, May 7.—Three unidentified American soldiers today entered the Soviet sector of Berlin and tore the Soviet flag from a flag-pole in front of the exhibition hall of the Communist-dominated Democratic Women's League, the East German news agency, ADN, claimed tonight.

When passers-by approached them, the three Americans cowardly took to their heels," the agency said.

However, before they reached the nearby American sector, a "people policeman" managed to recapture the flag, the agency added.

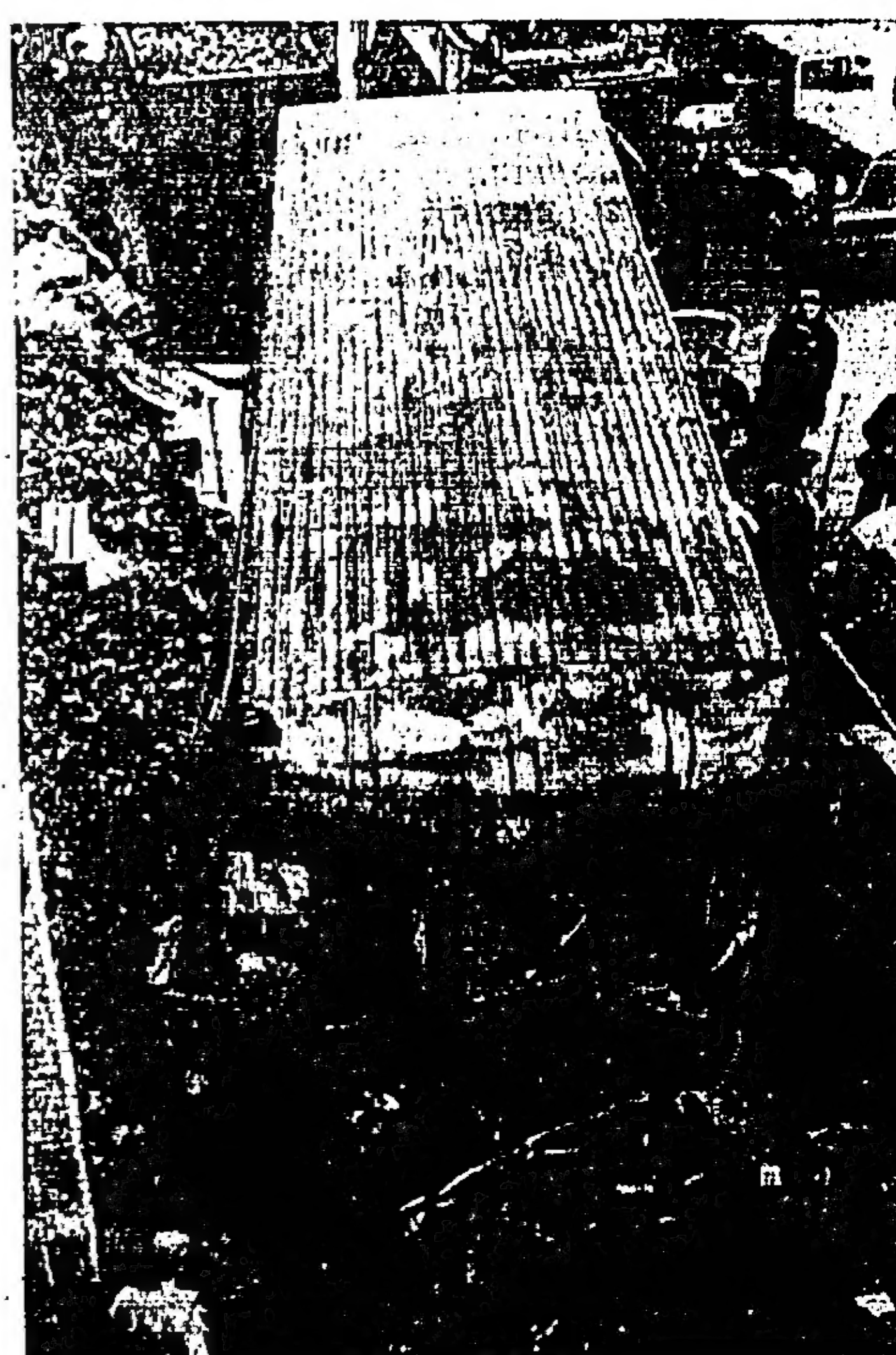
An official American spokesman in Berlin tonight said that the United States authorities had no confirmation of this report.—Reuter.

## Cuban Rail Slow-Down

Havana, May 7.—Workers on the British-owned United Railways of Havana in Cuba have started workshop strikes and a traffic slow-down in protest against mooted nationalisation of the railways.

Senator Xavier Delano, the President of the Workers' National Railway Brotherhood, said that the workers opposed nationalisation because "too much politics prevents honest and efficient operation," which was essential to the railwaymen's well-being.—Reuter.

## FRUIT TRUCK CRASHES



A CRUMPLED piece of metal is about all that remained of the cab of this fruit truck which crashed into a building at the end of the Lincoln Tunnel, in Weehawken, New Jersey. The driver was killed and the truck's cargo of oranges spilled all over the road. (Acme).

## LEARNING THE HOT WAY



IT'S a rescue made by seamen J. B. Stanley and A. C. Polte who are serving at Barber's Point Naval Air Station, in Hawaii. The men fought their way into a blazing inferno to rescue a dummy from the cockpit of a burning plane as part of their training in a mobile fire fighting unit. Stanley is shown carrying the dummy while Polte emerges from the cockpit. (Acme).

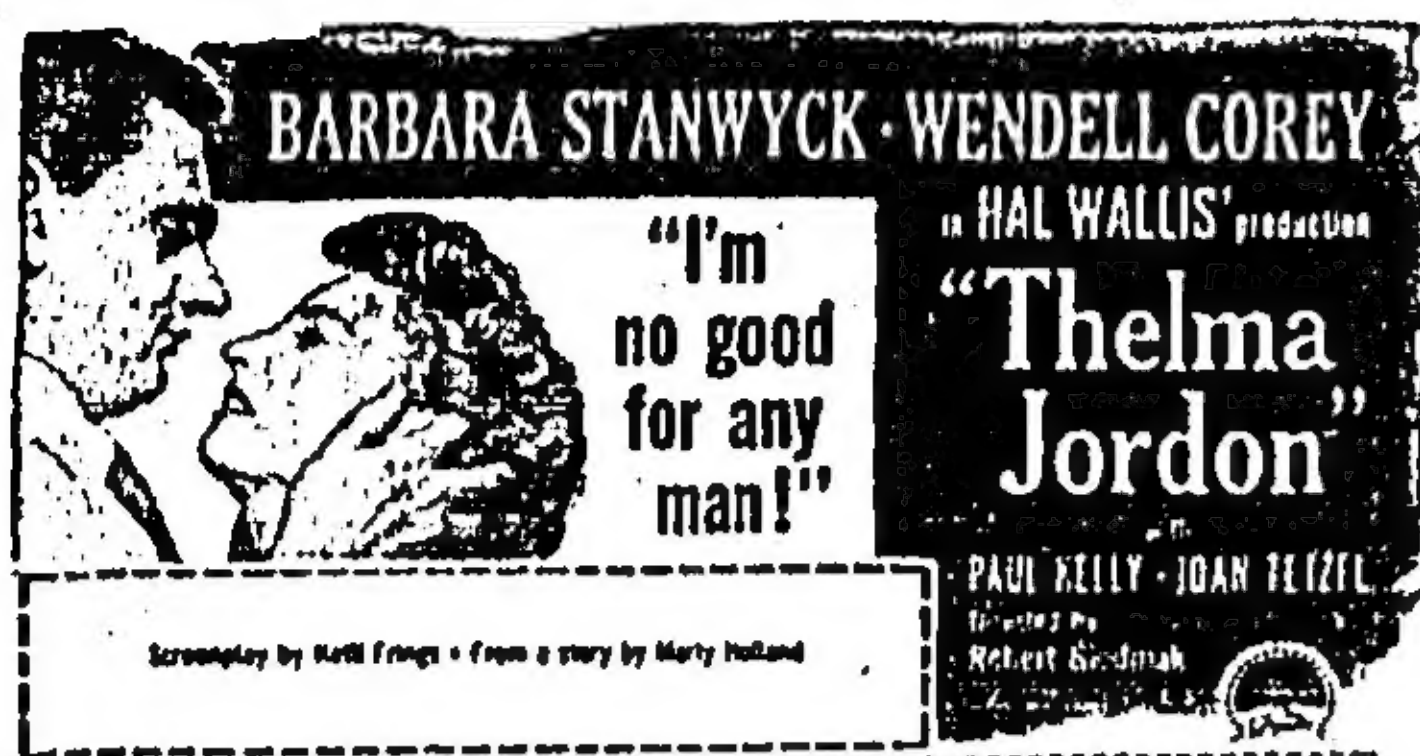
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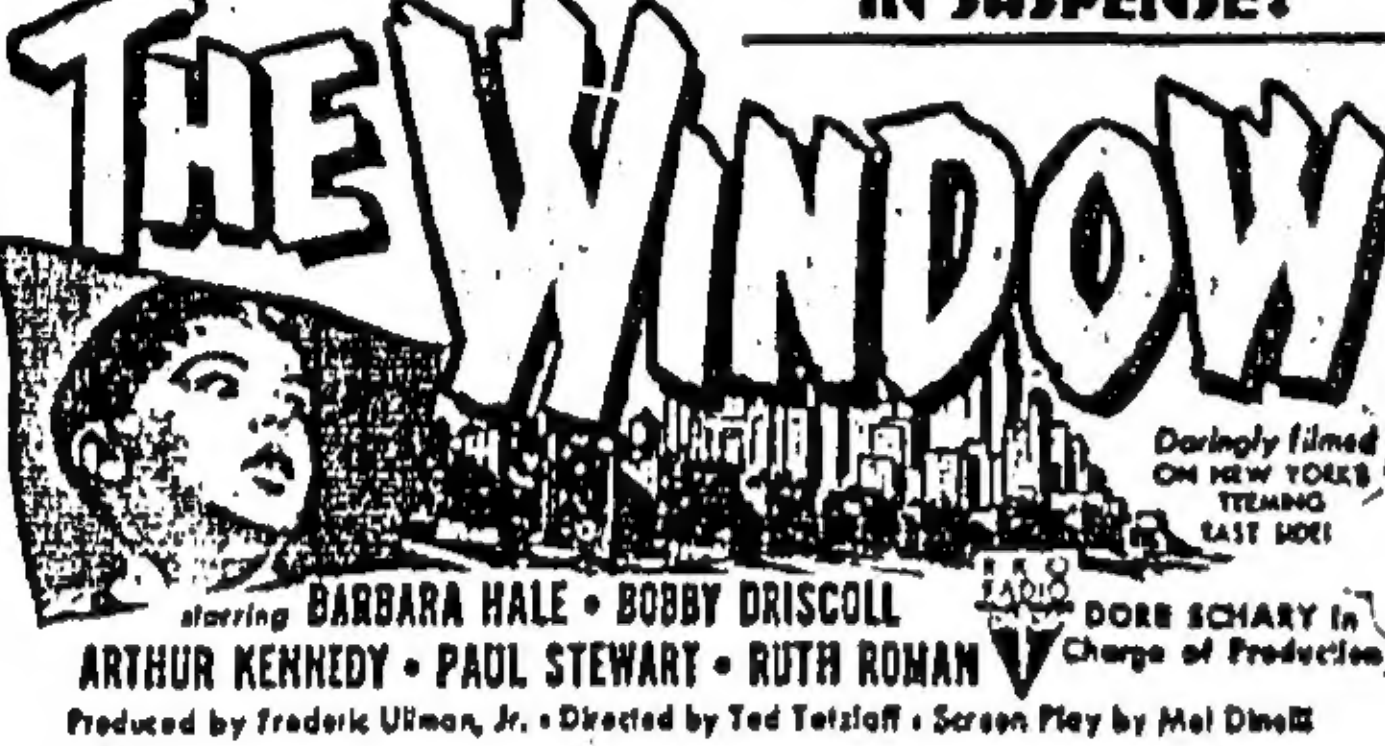
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continuing the story of Mr. X, a man of influence vouched for by SEFTON DELMER... Until lately he held an important executive position behind the Iron Curtain. He is now in England.

**B**Oth my Communist masters and my anti-Communist friends now seemed to assume that I would be wanting to escape.

I did everything I could to put them off the scent.

Mornings and afternoons I appeared at my office as punctually as ever. With my eight new controller-adjudants from the party watching me like gundogs, I set to work on the reorganisation I had been ordered to carry out.

To all appearances I was obediently going through with the betrayal of my worker friends and the industry I had helped to build.

But at the same time I took care not to overdo my servility. I was frank and outspoken with my Communist assistants. "Don't expect me to put my name to any brutalities," I told them. "I shall not do it!"

Old friends came to me, and asked: "Are you going abroad?" A trusted foreman of the works I used to direct met me on one of my tours of inspection. After talking commonplace for a few sentences he suddenly paused and stared me in the eyes. "Take me with you," he said, and squeezed my hand.

**Offer of help**

**A** HIGH-UP Communist, member of one of the secret inner committees, offered me a seat in an aircraft which he said was going to escape to the American zone of Germany.

To all of these and the many others I denied any intention of leaving the country—first because I did not want to involve them, and secondly because, as in the case of the proffered air passage, I suspected a trap of the secret police.

I was wrong about the air passage, though. To the intense fury of the police the plane flew to Munich without a mishap. (And the beauty of it is that the Communist organizer of the trip is still in Czechoslovakia and still occupying his key position. Titulism is playing dangerous tricks with the party.)

I set about arranging my escape through secret channels,

**THEY GO TO CHURCH... TO DECLARE THEIR HATE**

which I had prepared long before. For already some time ago I had anticipated that the day might come when I would want to break away. No one who was not essential to my scheme knew anything about it, or of my intentions.

**'I am ashamed'**

**M**OST valuable among those who helped me was a Minister in the Communist Government. He and I had been at school together, and we had taken part together in the resistance.

Six months before this crisis in my life I had called on him at his flat in one of the residential blocks reserved exclusively for Ministers and high Communist Party functionaries.

"I have come to tell you," I said, "that this is the last time I shall visit you. I cannot go on being friends with a man who serves the cause which you serve."

We talked, and he confessed to me that he was completely disillusioned. He was, he said, ashamed of the part that he had to play as a Communist Minister. But he had not the strength to resign. He had to go on.

**He was sincere**

**I** WAS so moved that I repented my decision. "Look," I said, "come and have a talk with me in my house one evening soon." But he shook his head. "No," he said, "I should be ashamed to soil your threshold with my unclean presence."

Now, such scenes and such sentiments probably seem absurdly theatrical. But I assure you that in the situation which I have left behind me in

police. Sometimes they give their active help. This is a situation which has its dangers for Moscow, which places too much faith on the favourable progress reports regarding the communication of the country.

But Moscow and the Communist leaders have brought it about themselves, by their insistence on everyone conforming rigidly to their political pattern and by their attempt to turn this country on their western frontier, if not into a Communist citadel, then at least into a political no-man's-land.

**Priests guarded**

**T**HEY may succeed in killing the soul of my people. But if they do they certainly will not have killed it with the poison of their doctrine or the success of their ideology. It will have died of shame.

The last rallying ground of the Czechs and the Slovaks is the Church. I myself left the Church at the age of 14—as a protest against what I then considered to be its anti-national subservience to the Austrian Habsburgs.

But in these years of the Communist regime I, like almost every other Czech and Slovak that I know, went to church regularly and on every possible occasion. And so did many Communists, despite the official veto on their doing so. Going to church was an expression of love of country, of hatred of the regime.

In Slovakia a spontaneous movement has grown up which is the nearest thing to a resistance movement that I have come across in my country. It exists for the protection of the priests. Never are they left alone unguarded.

At harvest time the farmers take their priests out into the fields with them in order that they may not remain alone in the deserted villages, where the police or Communists might surprise them.

**Third attempt**

**D**ETAILS of how we escaped across the frontier I am not going to tell you. Suffice it that we were successful at the third attempt.

In the Vienna camp to which my family and I were taken by the International Refugee Organisation there was a Russian Air Force deserter. He was a simple peasant lad from the Ukraine, strong and lusty and kind-hearted, as these Russians are.

"We have all had enough," he said. I agree with him.

—(London Express Service)

## A Pointer For Mr Attlee

By CLARLES WINTOUR

**T**ORIES and Socialists are taking a different view of what would be the prerogative of the Crown in the event of Mr Attlee seeking a dissolution after sustaining a defeat in the House.

For the Tories, both Lord Simon and Mr Amery have voiced the opinion that the Crown has the option of refusing a dissolution.

Where do the Socialists stand? Some of them are saying that as no Prime Minister has been refused a dissolution for 100 years the royal prerogative has fallen into disuse.

In fact, their constitutional doctrine is well adapted to their party interests.

King thereupon resigned, and Byng immediately sent for Meighen.

Under the Canadian Constitution members automatically vacated their seats in Parliament on appointment to a Ministry, as this was an office of profit under Crown. To avoid a series of by-elections which would have removed his majority, the Tory leader formed a temporary Ministry of seven members without portfolios who were given the responsibility of handling the affairs of departments. Meighen himself, as Prime Minister, temporarily lost his seat.

When cross-examined by King Meighen's men had to admit that they had not taken the oath of office for their various departments. King then had the easy task of pointing out that the appointment of these acting Ministers was a violation of the Constitution, a line of attack which scared away some Progressive support from Meighen.

The Liberal leader then tabled a motion of censure which was carried by a single vote. The Progressive member, called Bird, who gave King his victory, was said to be asleep when the division bell rang, and although paired as a pledged supporter of Meighen, stumbled into the Liberal lobby without fully realising what he was doing.

Meighen then sought a dissolution. In the ensuing campaign King framed the country asking whether or not the Canadian Government should be liable to interference from Downing Street. His strong nationalist line was far more appealing than the Tory attempt to play up the customs scandal, particularly as everyone realised that Mr King's personal probity were beyond question.

No one was surprised when he secured a comfortable majority. It was one of the crowning achievements of his long and distinguished career that, through his skill and resource as a parliamentarian, he was able to turn defeat into victory. Mr King's success is not without its lessons for politicians in Britain as they struggle to read the riddle of the future.

—(London Express Service)

## C. V. R. Thompson Too broad a view

**NEW YORK.** **O**N THEIR WAY to Britain are Hollywood's Samuel Goldwyn and his wife. At a farewell party the Goldwyns told their trip is to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Working to the last minute, Mr Goldwyn will also work during his "holiday." He said he will make a picture with J. Arthur Rank, but would not say more about it.

I confronted him with a new batch of Goldwynisms sweeping America—"I shall not believe colour TV until I see it in black and white." "That hydrogen bomb is just dynamite," said Goldwyn. "I wish I could find the guy who invents those—I would hire him as a writer."

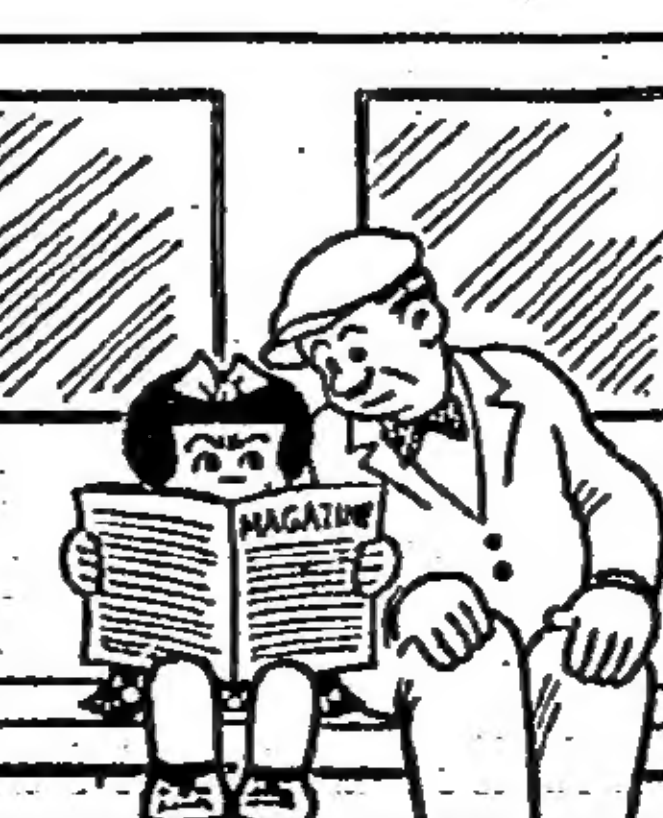
**I**N FROM BRITAIN came Gracie Fields for a new dollar-making tour. She said she will sing the songs she sang when she was a child. "The songs are getting a bit too dirty, and I prefer to be clean and funny."

**B**ACK from a survey of America's "bread basket" areas, food reporter A. W. Erickson predicted that this year's wheat harvest may be the worst in 15 years. "What is promised in January to be a fair crop," he said, "has turned into a near fade-out." The causes are pests, root rot, and dry weather.

Laws will be made about the "cage dress" worn by TV performers, and particularly by women. And "horror" shows will probably be forbidden until after the children's bedtime.

—(London Express Service)

**NANCY** **Look Here!**



By Ernie Bushmiller

**Stop that cold fast!**





# HOOVER FIRMLY OPPOSES AMERICAN RECOGNITION OF RED CHINA

## Straws In The Wind

Canberra, May 7.—Bricks are a precious commodity in house-short Australia. And the country's capital is no exception.

Swinging into Canberra's swank "Mugga Way" street, a truck lost a few bricks as it took the corner.

A gleaming limousine, cruising behind, pulled up. A brick-hungry Aussie got out, picked up the bricks and loaded them into his car.—United Press.

Washington, May 7.—The former President, Herbert Hoover, warned firmly today against American recognition of Communist China and seating of the Red delegation in the United Nations.

He said either move would be "further surrender in the cold war." Mr Hoover expressed these views in a letter to Senator William Knowland (Republican) who, with 34 other Senators, has asked President Truman for new assurances that the United States will not recognise the Chinese Red regime or admit it to the United Nations.

Mr Hoover cautioned that normal diplomatic relations would "plant another nest of Communist propaganda and agitation" in the United States. He refused firmly to back down on his recent proposal—firmly rejected by President Truman—that the United Nations be re-organised and Russia and her puppet states excluded.

"If the United Nations is ever to be useful to the human race," he wrote, "it must free itself of Communist domination, not add to it."

Senator Knowland heads the Republican bloc fighting for American military and economic aid for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's beleaguered Nationalist regime. The group also wants to guarantee that Nationalist Chinese representatives will not be ousted from the United Nations. President Truman is "biting tight" on this issue.

Mr Hoover warned Senator Knowland that seating the Communists would add further to the "already dominant destructive forces in the United Nations." "It would be further acceptance of the sweep of the Kremlin's aggressive militarism, aggression and imperialism."

It is a system of immorality and without compassion that we cannot accept... It would bring millions of Chinese still struggling against the slave state... Certainly recognition of a Moscow satellite government in China would be further surrender in the cold war which General Bradley (chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) intimates we are losing.—United Press.

Frankfurt, May 7.—Alzefra, the 21-year-old African, elephant who arrived here on Friday by train from Basel, Switzerland, died in the Frankfurt Zoo last night.

Alzefra had to be lifted from her railway wagon on to a special lorry with the aid of an American Army crane as no German cranes capable of lifting her could be found.

The cause of death has not been established, but the Zoo management suspects that the elephant had been unable to stand the strain of the journey.

Alzefra had been chained in a squatting position during the railway trip and had been unable to get up for more than an hour after her arrival here because of stiff and sore limbs.—Reuter.

Return Of POWs Demanded

Vienna, May 7.—Austria's Minister of the Interior, Dr. Oskar Helmer, yesterday demanded that Russia return an estimated 5,000 Austrian prisoners of war still held in the Soviet Union.

He asked that, at least, Russia should give a list of prisoners who have died in the past five years.

On Friday, the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, challenged Russia to reveal the fate of 1,500,000 German prisoners of war. He quoted Russian figures for the one and a half million prisoners still left in Russian hands and told an angry Parliament: "We cannot believe that all of these died in prison or fell by the wayside during the long marches into captivity."—Reuter.

Appointment In Warsaw

Warsaw, May 7.—Stanislaw Zawadzki, a leading official of the Polish United Workers Party, has been appointed in Vice-premier of Labour and Social Welfare, the Polish press agency announced today.

He was appointed in January as the second Vice-premier of Public Administration, which is now being replaced by a new Ministry of Communal Affairs.—Reuter.

Swiss Desire Neutrality

Liestel, Switzerland, May 7.—The War Minister, Mr Karl Kobell, today reaffirmed Switzerland's "armed neutrality" policy and hinted that military expenditure might rise above its present 450,000,000 francs yearly.—Reuter.

# Whales Stranded In The Orkneys



An unusually high tide caused this remarkable scene, scores of whales stranded in the Bay of Holland, in the Orkneys. All of them were 15 to 20 feet long. The majority of them died.—(London Express Service).

# Most Critical Meeting Since End Of War

Washington, May 7.—Although State Department officials have publicly warned the United States press and people against expecting spectacular results from the Big Three Foreign Ministers' conference which opens this week, some of them feel privately that it may be the most critical meeting of Western statesmen since the end of World War II.

## RIMOUSKI DISASTER

(Continued from Page 1)

ing traffic on the main south shore highway through Rimouski to Gaspé.

Sweeping along two streets, one after another, packed with belongings they could and abandoned their homes.

Calls for assistance went out from Rimouski to towns all along the Canadian national railway line and crews, some from Rivière du Loup, 65 miles away, from Mont Joli and from Capreol, in the Matapédia Valley.

The flames were fanned all night by the high winds. They ate their way from house to house and through big brick and stone buildings towards Rimouski's 60-year-old Cathedral and the residence of the Archbishop, Monsignor Georges Courchemine, across the street.

As the flames crept nearer, the Archbishop and his staff were forced to evacuate.

No trains were able to be taken through Rimouski towards mid-night today and word was then flashed to neighbouring towns that the fire was still unabated.

Numerous factories and mills were consumed by the flames in their advance across the city. A newly built technical school and homes for the aged of the Sisters of Charity, the hospital, the seminary, two hotels, a cinema and a dozen large and small stores, as well as large houses, simply fell before the wall of fire.

Among the residences destroyed was that of Sir Swergon Fleet, Quebec's Lieutenant-Governor.—Reuter.

Proponents of this view claim that the average American citizen is not fully aware that, while the economic progress of Western Europe under Marshall Plan auspices has been spectacular, some political problems exist there which not only remain unsolved but in some respects are more urgent now than they were two years ago when the ECA programme was inaugurated.

They said if solutions are to be found within the framework of democratic rather than totalitarian objectives, they should be found soon or may not be found at all. The view is expressed that, while it is easy for diplomats to announce that the Big Three agenda includes such broad subjects as closer integration of Germany with the European community, it is not so easy for them to describe, even in general terms, problems attendant on German integration or what may be expected to happen if it is not accomplished soon.

Officials make little attempt, in private conversations with reporters, to disguise their feeling that in some respects the Western world is on the defensive with respect to Germany because of the political and economic weight that country is capable of throwing either way in the cold war. But it is maintained that this situation is nearly impossible to describe in a formal public statement without running the risk of dangerous misunderstandings both at home and abroad.

It is alleged the public posture of the government must be one of confidence in face of German and other world problems if the support of Congress and the people in the United States and the governments and people of other nations are to be preserved.

NIBBLED AWAY

The U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, has taken the position that in the diplomacy of other years the diplomatic initiative solutions to international problems were seldom expected to develop out of international conferences. Instead, he said, such conferences usually nibbled away at outstanding questions over periods of years, finding varying areas of agreement or difference depending on the political aspects of the situation at any given time. It has been suggested in some political circles that is the objective at which Mr Acheson is aiming in the forthcoming talks and if he, with Mr Bevin and Mr Schuman, is able at least forestall immediate new and larger crises they may be content.—United Press.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Broadcast For Schools—12.10. English Literature "Jane Eyre"—By Charlotte Brontë Part 2: 12.40. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 12.42. Ten Minute Variety: 1.10. News, Weather Report and Announcements: 1.25. Interlude: 1.30. Orchestral Selections: 2. Come down: 6. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6.05. Children's Half Hour—Conducted by Jack Frost (Studio): 6.20. Portuguese Half Hour (Studio): 7. London Studio Melodians—(BBC): 7.30. "Off The Record"—Presented by Ronnie Gibbons (Studio): 8. World News and News Analysis—(London Relay): 8.15. "Like What I Like"—Presented by Harriet Jenkins (Studio): 8.45. Linda Carter "Talks on Films" (Studio): 9. "From The Editorials"—(London Relay): 9.10. Weather Report: 9.11. "Censorious": 9.45. Desi Aranz and his Conca Orchestra: 10. "At the Ballet"—(Studio): 10.47. Dance to "Moonlight Melodians": 11. Radio News Relay—(London Relay): 11.10. Weather Report, World News and Home News Summary—(Recorded Relay): 11.20. God Save The King—Close down.

# WINSTON HAS NO APOLOGY FOR COMMONS TACTICS

London, May 7.—The Conservative leader, Mr Winston Churchill, in a statement today declared that there had been "no difference of opinion among the leading members of the Opposition" on its challenges to the Labour Government, precariously holding power with a majority of six, in the House of Commons.

Several times since it was returned to power with a decimated majority last February, the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, Government has narrowly averted defeats in House of Commons votes, any one of which would have meant its resignation.

In a statement issued from his country home, Chartwell Manor, near Westerham, Kent, Mr Churchill said: "In view of the various statements which have been circulated in the last few days about the policy of the Conservative Party in challenging the Government by division on several occasions during the session, it is desirable to state that there has been no difference of opinion among the leading members of the Opposition upon the course to be adopted."

"Each case was considered carefully on its merits and full agreement prevailed. The matters upon which His Majesty's Opposition has felt it necessary to record its votes since the General Election have involved questions of policy and principle which they could not have allowed to pass unopposed without a dereliction of duty to the millions of electors who voted against the Socialists at the General Election."

The Government won its first vote of confidence with a majority of 14 on the steel nationalisation issue on March 9, and a second such vote on housing with a 25 majority on March 13.

Its first defeat—not on a crucial issue—came on March 29, when the Opposition won by 20 votes. Still more crises are expected next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Government has sent its supporters three-line whips—most urgent summonses to attend the House—for debates on the proposed £6,000,000 Commonwealth loan to Burma, higher railway freight charges and housing in Scotland.—Reuter.

MORE TO COME

Under the agreement wages will be increased before being pegged to the cost of living index, so that they will then keep in step with prices.—Reuter.

Finnish Strike Settled

Helsinki, May 7.—Finland's Trade Union Federation and employers tonight reached an agreement on wages and averted a general strike called for tomorrow.

Under the agreement wages will be increased before being pegged to the cost of living index, so that they will then keep in step with prices.—Reuter.

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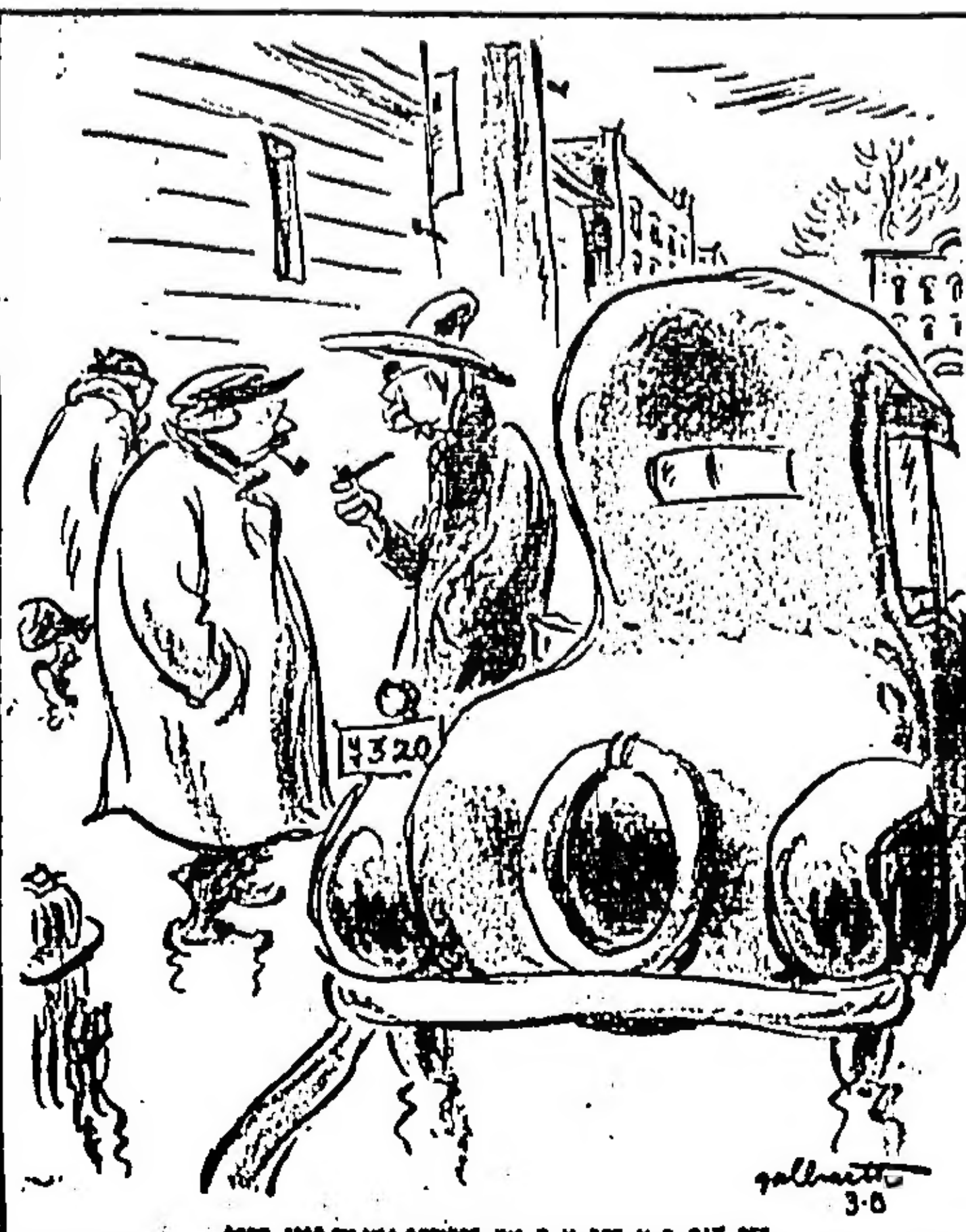
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"If I could buy another model like this one, I wouldn't hesitate a minute—but I don't trust the new cars nowadays!"

## Visiting Her Dentist



Pictured for the first time since the birth of her baby, Ingrid Bergman is seen as she leaves her dentist in the Via Due Macelli, Rome. — (London Express Service).



## Caroline Hill Athletics

ARMY FINISH CHAMPIONS  
IN THE QUADRANGULAR  
FOR THE FIRST TIME

BY "RECORDER"

Army won the Quadrangular Athletic Team Championships for the first time at Caroline Hill yesterday by 157 points to 126 for the South China Athletic Association. The Royal Navy, Royal Marines & Royal Marine Commandos scored 81 points and the Royal Air Force 26.

Ten of the 19 events on the programme were won by South China, the rest going to Army as neither of the other two services could turn up a Champion. Thirteen of 19 meet records fell and three relay teams and 26 individuals bettered the old records.

Despite a sudden track that slowed down times, the record-breakers were so many that the Colony Athletic Championships, to be held probably towards the end of this month, should see some very fancy performances.

The Quadrangular produced both surprises and disappointments. Surprise of the afternoon was the victory of the Inter-School Champion, Ling Sum, of Wah Yan P. M. College, in the High Jump. Ling won from Sgt. Dallywater of the Army at 5 feet 9 inches and fewer failures as both cleared the same height.

Dallywater later twice cleared 5 feet 11 inches, but the competition was already over. In the competition proper, Ling twice took the bar off on the drop in the pit and must have been clear over 5'10 1/2".

## TENSE ATMOSPHERE

There was a tense atmosphere when it was announced that the bar was up at 5 feet 10 inches. It was the first time in the history of the Colony that three were still jumping with the bar at that height. Later, on re-measurement, it was found that the bar sagged an inch in the middle.

Had the bar been at 5 feet 10 inches, Ling would have been the first Hongkong schoolboy to clear that height. The Inter-School record is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches and Ling did not try for it in the school's event after clearing 5 feet 7 inches.

His approach to the bar is direct like a hurdler's and he twists over slightly to fall clear. This style has been developed in the past few years in the American Southwestern States but is not favoured over the Western Roll for jumpers of short stature.

## TRIPLE WINNERS

The meet produced two triple-winners, both of whom set two

## HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED

**100 METRES DASH**  
Won by Lt. Corman (Army), 11.2 seconds (Record); 2. Ho Tak-pang (SCAA); 3. Sgt. Coleman (Army); 4. Cpl. Han-zah (RAF); 5. Pao King-yin (SCAA); 6. LAC Jennings (RAF). (Sgt. Coleman also ran 11.2 seconds in his heat).

**200 METRES DASH**  
Won by Ng Yin-fok (SCAA); 23.0 seconds (Ng ran his heat in 23 seconds for a new record); 2. Lt. Westerhout (Army); 3. LAC Jennings (RAF); 4. Sgt. Shallow (RN); 5. P. Higgins (Army); 6. Lt. Oakley (RN).

**400 METRES RUN**  
Won by Ng Yin-fok (SCAA); 53.4 seconds (Record); 2. Lt. Smith (Army); 3. Sgt. Beaton (RN). (Only three ran).

**800 METRES RUN**  
Won by Bdm. Anderson (Army); 2 minutes 0.9 seconds (Record); 2. Cpl. Groves (Army); 3. Cpl. Wilson (RAF); 4. Cpl. Black (RN); 5. Chung-hoi (SCAA); 6. P/O Abrey (RAF).

**1,500 METRES RUN**  
Won by Lau Man-ngor (SCAA); 4 minutes 22.0 seconds (Record); 2. Cpl. Groves (Army); 3. Wong Ching-lum (SCAA); 4. Bdm. Anderson (Army); 5. Cpl. Pendegast (RN); 6. AC Burrows (RAF).

**3,000 METRES RUN**  
Won by Lau Man-ngor (SCAA); 9 minutes 14.0 seconds (Record); 2. Cpl. Phillips (Army); 3. Wong Ching-lum (SCAA); 4. L/Cpl. Stebbins (Army); 5. Mue Hope (RN); 6. AC Kirby (RAF).

**400 METRES RELAY**  
Won by Army, 46.0 seconds (Record); 2. Poyal Navy, 46.8 seconds; 3. South China Athletic Association; 4. Royal Air Force.

**1,000 METRES RELAY**  
Won by South China Athletic Association, 40.7 seconds (Record); 2. Army; 3. Royal Navy.

**110 METRES HIGH HURDLES**  
Won by Major Skipwith (Army), 10.7 seconds (Record); 2. S/Sgt. Handley (Army); 3. S/Sgt. Handley (Army); 4. Chan Wai-lam (SCAA); 5. REM Newton (RN); 6. Cpl. Harrison (RN).

**400 METRES LOW HURDLES**  
Won by Ho Hit-po (SCAA), 63 seconds; 2. Ho Man-yin (SCAA); 3. S/Sgt. Banton (RAF); 4. S/Sgt. Banton (RAF); 5. S/Sgt. Banton (RAF); 6. S/Sgt. Banton (RAF).

## SURPRISE CHAMPION



Ling Sum, the Inter-School High Jump Champion, surprised at Caroline Hill yesterday by winning the Quadrangular Championship in the event from Sgt. Dallywater (left) and S/Sgt. Handley (right).

The winning height was 5 feet 9 inches, the highest ever by a Hongkong schoolboy. Ling twice just brought the bar down on the drop in attempting 5 feet 11 inches. Dallywater later twice cleared that height after failing three times at it in the competition proper.—Golden Studio Photograph.

GHOST TO WATCH  
WOODCOCK TRAIN

London, May 7.—Lee Savold, blonde, six-foot American heavyweight, and Bruce Woodcock, the British Champion, have chosen contrasting training environments for their World Heavyweight title fight (European version) at the White City, London, on June 6.

Savold, former cowboy, farm hand, dock worker and bartender, has just arrived from the United States and will take up quarters at Scarborough, popular Yorkshire coastal resort.

There the local authorities have placed a ballroom at his disposal for a gymnasium and early holiday-makers are expected to flock there to see him in action.

**KNIGHT IN ARMOUR**  
Woodcock has gone to North Wales for training in a historical castle, where the real thing is used for training in the art of the sword.

Much is at stake for Woodcock and Savold in this fight. The winner will be recognized in Europe and some parts of the world as the World Champion, and this may mean a big purse with the present heavyweight situation so uncertain.

Ezzard Charles, Champion according to the National Boxing Association of America, has been ordered to rest, and Joe Louis has once again threatened to attempt a come-back.

After a three-hour medical examination Charles was cleared "not fit for strenuous exercise at the present time".

Forbidden under the rules of his agreement with the London promoter, Mr. Jack Solomon, to fight in public until he meets a doctor, Savold had a secret contest with a high-ranking American coloured boxer in New Jersey two weeks ago.

The only difference between this "trial" and the real thing is that there was no crowd and no "gate". The contest took place at night, both boxers used regulation gloves and no head-guard, and there was a referee and judges. "I think Savold just about won on points," said Daly.—Reuter.

2,300 Century  
Breaks By  
An Amateur

The twenty-three billiards breakers will look with envy at the list of century breaks compiled by George Cranstone, the Durham miner.

He will represent Newcastle Area in the Amateur Billiards Championship at Burroughs Hall, Soho Square, which continues to May 17. He has topped this coveted figure more than 2,300 times.

Best break, which will make Mr. Average Player rub his eyes, is 612. However, this is an unofficial effort for it was made mainly off the red ball, without any thoughts to the limit of 15 hazards which operates in the championship.

Nevertheless, playing strictly to rule, Cranstone, who was Junior amateur champion of Great Britain in 1939 has made a break of 547.

Cranstone has drawn Gladney Hoyle (Huddersfield) last year's semi-finalist, in the first round.—(London Express Service).

Harry Bradshaw  
Out Of Golf

Harry Bradshaw, Irish Open golf champion and runner-up in the British Open, is not likely to take part in any big tournaments during the coming season. He has been in bed for more than a month at his home at Killybegs, County Wicklow, with influenza and rheumatism. He is expected to remain in bed for at least another six or seven weeks.

Lending Irish golfers who have already decided to play in the Open Amateur at St. Andrews in May are Jimmy Bruen, Joe Carr and Cecil Ewing.—(London Express Service).

Marshall Will Not Swim  
In France Or Japan  
This Coming Summer

BY CORNELIUS RYAN

New Haven, Connecticut.—John Marshall of Australia will not swim in France or Japan this summer, Coach Robert Kiphuth of Yale University says.

Marshall, a 20-year-old freshman at Yale, with unofficial world or American records in five different free style events, is the world's newest swimming sensation and has been eagerly sought for international meets.

The Racing Club of France invited Marshall to compete in a meet in Paris on May 28, but Marshall declined, explaining that he will be taking his examinations at college at that time.

Nor is he prepared to go to Japan late in the summer as a member of a touring team. "His studies and other activities will keep Marshall busy," explained Kiphuth.

Marshall and Japan's Hiroshi Furuhashi apparently are in a class by themselves in the free style, with Alex Jany of France close behind them.

## CASUALTY

On the same day Marshall decided that he would not go to France he casually threatened the accepted world 400 Metres record.

Sir Frank Beaurepaire, Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Marshall's home city, was visiting Yale en route home after a business trip to England, and wanted to see Marshall in action.

Sir Frank, himself a former World Swimming Champion, is now an Olympic official, watching with an expert eye as Marshall was timed in 4:36. Furuhashi's world record is 4:33.3, and Marshall did 4:29.5 in the recent Amateur Athletic Union meet.

"And Marshall had been out of training for 10 days," said Kiphuth.

"Yale facilities and training are wonderful," said Sir Frank. "We have nothing to match them. Kiphuth's work is strengthening Marshall's arms and shoulders and adding to his weight and these are great factors in Marshall's success."

"Fundamentally, most of the credit is due to freshman coach Harry Burke and to Yale's team system," said Kiphuth. "We stress squad drills together, which adds tremendous competitive quality to daily practice. And when somebody is competitive as Marshall swims against such other freshmen as Jimmy McNamee, who was 1940 Olympic Champion at 1,500 Metres Free Style, Wayne Moore and Dick Thomson, the best is bound to be brought out."

"The stimulation of high-grade competition was shown in the AAU Championships when Marshall used the conventional stroke, but where Furuhashi takes a four-beat kick.

"When the average swimmer puts his arm forward into the water he has to hesitate a fraction of a second," said Burke. "Because of his strong shoulders, John does not have to do that, and thus his stroke is much faster. Also, his leg kick is very efficient, and allows him to ride higher out of the water than most swimmers."

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"Furuhashi is a law unto himself," said Kiphuth. Marshall trains very hard and is a great competitor. John will not meet the Japanese until the 1952 Olympics, and his training under Furuhashi should be one of the greatest of all time.—United Press.

French Entry  
Enhances  
Derby Claims

Paris, May 7.—After unseating its jockey, Roger Poincelet, in a false start, L'Amiral today won the Prix Hocquart over a mile and a half at Longchamps here and enhanced his Epsom Derby claims.

Madame Leon Volterra afterwards stated that the colt was a certain runner at Epsom.

My Love won this race in 1946 and went on to win the Derby. L'Amiral beat Lenduv by a neck.

Derby challenger, Fardal, four lengths away third in a field of seven runners.

The winner, who is by Admiral Drake out of Harryot, started 16 to 10 joint favourite with M. Bouscass's pair, Fardal and Anubis.

At last Friday's Derby call-over, L'Amiral was fourth favourite at 100 to 8 while Fardal was backed down to third choice at 9 to 1.

**PRIX DU CADRAN**  
French horses entered for the Acent Gold Cup filled the first three places in the Prix du Cadrans, the French equivalent of the English Cup race, run over two and a half miles at the same meeting.

The winner was Baron Guy de Rothschild's four-year-old Ciel Etiole, who gained a thrilling short head photo-finish victory over Madame R. Foges's Bagheera.

M. Bouscass's favourite, Marcell, was a length away third in a field of nine runners. Ciel Etiole paid 32 francs for a 10-franc stake.—Reuter.

GREYHOUND  
OF THE DAY

Not since Mick the Miller was in his heyday has a greyhound captured the public imagination so much as Red Wind, now holder of three track records.

At the White City, before a 30,000 crowd, Red Wind had a Derby winner reception as he strode away to win the fourth Anglo-Irish International in record time.

In the first ante-post betting on the forthcoming Derby, Red Wind is quoted at 2-1.

Only one other dog has ever been quoted at shorter odds. This was Pricess Border, who won the Derby two years ago. It was Pricess Border's record that Red Wind broke.

—(London Express Service).

Tommy Wood Wins  
In Switzerland

Erlen, Switzerland, May 7.—Tommy Wood, of Britain riding a Norton, today won the international 500-cc cycling event here. Wood, a great favourite with Swiss motor cycling crowds, covered the 40-lap course (about 70 miles) in 1 hr. 5 mins. 40.0 secs.

Second was Helmut Volklinger, of Austria, on a Triumph, and Rene del Torchio, of Switzerland, was third, also on a Triumph.

Showers made the road circuit treacherous in places.—Reuter.

**2,000-cc CLASS**  
Erlen, Switzerland, May 7.—Count Luigi Villorosi, of the Italian motor-racing ace, today drove his Ferrari to a close victory in the international motor race for cars up to 2,000 cc. He took 1 hr. 1 min. 55.3 secs. to cover the 40-lap course (about 70 miles), behind was Roberto Vallone, of Italy, also in a Ferrari. Germany's Toni Ulmen drove his Veritas-Monoposto to third place with a time of 1 hr. 2 mins. 44.2 secs.—Reuter.

## DEFENSIVE ERROR

From the kick-off Hongkong went to work in earnest and within a minute had extremely bad luck when Chu sent over a grand centre which beat the custodian and Yau headed goal.

Teams:  
Hongkong. — Cheng Hon-ping; Yeung Tu-hung, Chin Shu-shing; Au Se-wing, Te Man-chung (Capt.); Tang Yung-kwan; Yau Tai-hay, Ma Hung, Chan Ping-leung, Lee Cheuk-ang and Chu Kam-wing.  
Saigon. — Nhu; Cha Tam; Tri, Pierre Nhung, Dai, Sau, Hanh, Marchals, Phai and Lay.

Wards only to see the ball hit the upright and rebound into the arms of Nhu. Shiao, before half-time the home team were awarded the Hongkong goal for their efforts when Chan Ping-leung pounced on the ball from a defensive error and ran in to find the back of the net from close range.

Changing ends with honours evened the second half comparison with Saigon going straight into attack and Phai drew a round of applause from the crowd with a fine shot which was well taken by the Hongkong keeper. Play swung to the other end when Nhu again acquitted himself well when he brought off a grand save to a rasping shot from Ma Hung. Saigon continued to have slightly the better of the exchanges and after 12 minutes play deservedly took the lead once more when the Hongkong keeper completely misjudged a shot from Sau and the ball passed through his hands into the net. Following this goal the superior weight of the Hongkong team began to tell and within five minutes they were again on level terms when Nhu again acquitted himself well when he brought off a grand save to a rasping shot from Ma Hung. 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# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

There's Satisfaction  
In A Good Defence

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By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

BRIDGE players come from all walks of life, a fact shown in this week's series of articles, which I have written about various American Contract Bridge League officers. A newspaper executive, an organ manufacturer, a former congressman and a restaurant operator were some of the business in which these executives served.

Today's hand came from Earl Ackerman of New York City, who served the League as vice-president from 1943 to 1948 and in 1949 as chairman of the board. In the business world Mr. Ackerman is associated with one of the largest importers of coffee in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman are both life members and the only thing I know that they like better than coffee is a bridge tournament.

I first had the pleasure of meeting the Ackermans in California, where I saw him execute a very strategic defensive play on today's hand.

On the opening lead of the king of diamonds by Mr. Ackerman, sitting South, Mrs. Ackerman dropped the nine-spot. When Earl continued with the ace she dropped the eight. East had followed with the queen and then the jack. The only other diamond out, which was the six-spot, was visible to everybody. Earl could see that his king of spades would never take a trick, so he would try to get his partner to establish an extra trump trick for him.

At this point, if the ten of diamonds had been led, Mrs. Ackerman would not have trumped it. Earl, however, did not make this mistake. He led the deuce of diamonds. When West played the six, Mrs. Ackerman knew that her husband wanted her to trump this trick, and that he wanted her to trump it with the highest trump she had in her hand.

So she trumped with the ten of hearts, forcing East to overtrump with the queen. Now there was no way declarer could keep from losing two trump tricks.

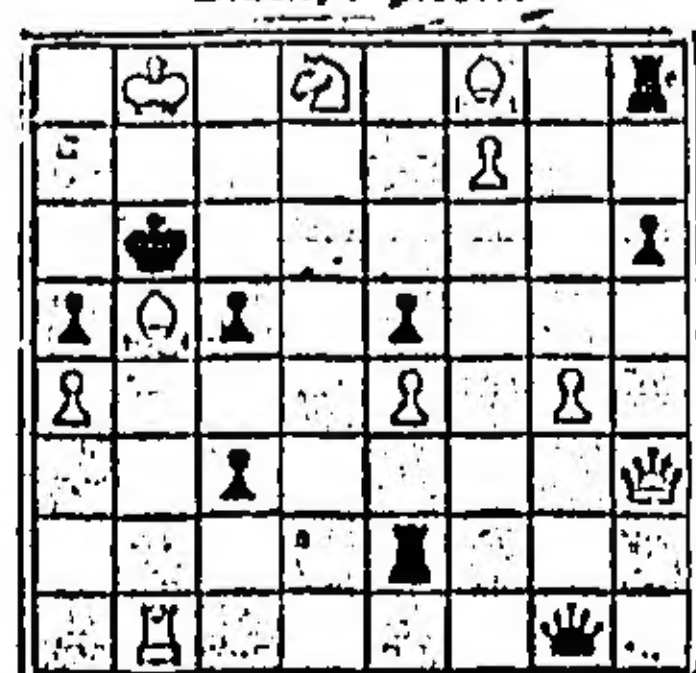
## Check Your Knowledge

1. What causes the change of seasons?
2. What is the popular name for Da Vinci's painting "La Gioconda"?
3. Name the two British ships that are named for queens.
4. Name the author of "The Rubaiyat."
5. What animal can make no vocal sound?
6. Name the first Christian martyr.

(Answers on Page 8)

## CHESS PROBLEM

By S. F. E. FLATAU  
Black, 9 pieces.





# Pandit Nehru Opposed To Hoover Plan

New York, May 7.—The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, in a statement broadcast here, opposed ex-President Hoover's recent proposal that the United Nations should be re-organised without Russia and other Communist countries.

Pandit Nehru said: "It could only mean the break-up of something that is actually and potentially valuable, with nothing to take its place. I think, therefore, that a proposal to exclude any independent country from the United Nations is unwise and harmful."

## U.S. VIEWS SPLIT OVER ARMS FOR PAKISTAN

New York, May 7.—Authoritative sources said today that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has promised the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, to do "everything I can" to arrange for American arms shipments to Pakistan. However, the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, is understood to be opposed to this plan.

The sources said that Mr. Acheson, in response to the Prime Minister's request for American arms, promised that he would do "everything I can" to arrange for American arms shipments to Pakistan. However, the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Louis Johnson, is understood to be opposed to this plan.

Mr. Acheson pointed out that the existing relations require Congress to approve the sale of arms to any country, but he added he believed that this could be arranged.

According to high official sources, the matter has been down to disagreement between Mr. Acheson and Mr. Johnson as to whether political aspects outweigh immediately military considerations. While Mr. Acheson's view would be accepted and arms purchases by Pakistan would be permitted within the near future, Mr. Johnson is opposed.

**MUTUAL CUTS**  
New York, May 7.—The Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, disclosed at a press conference here that he had discussed a mutual reduction of armaments expenditure with India's Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru.

He made it clear that in proposing recently a territorial guarantee by the Commonwealth he had in mind, so far as Pakistan was concerned, only the possibility of aggression from India.

His suggestions had not engaged an attack from any other quarter, Mr. Khan said.

**WORKING WELL**  
New York, May 7.—Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, the Pakistan Prime Minister, said here today that just before leaving for Washington yesterday for New York he had received information from Pakistan that the recent Indo-Pakistan agreement on minorities was working satisfactorily.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan added that the agreement had restored confidence and that the latest information had showed that about 3,000 Hindus were returning every day to East Pakistan from India, where they had gone after the recent troubles.

He described the agreement as "very satisfactory."

The Prime Minister was speaking on the "problems facing Pakistan" in the "University of Chicago round-table" broadcast series of the National Broadcasting Corporation.

**HONORARY DECREE**  
New York, May 7.—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the President of Columbia University, will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, on Monday.

The ceremony will take place in the Trustees' Room of the Low Memorial Library, New York, and the degree will be conferred by authority of the Universities' Trustees.

It will be the first time that Pakistan's Prime Minister and Defence Minister will meet the former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during the last war.—Reuter.

The statement was made in response to a cabled invitation from the United Nations Radio Department and broadcast in a special United Nations programme by the Mutual Broadcasting Company.

Pandit Nehru said: "The proposal to limit the United Nations by exclusion of some nations has surprised me greatly. Indeed, it seems to forget that the high hopes with which the United Nations was started have not been fulfilled."

"At the same time, there can be no doubt that, by the mere fact of its existence, it has saved us from many dangers. Also, there is no doubt that, in the world today, it offers the one hope of finding some way for peaceful co-operation between the nations."

"If the United Nations radically changes its position and nature, then there is nothing left."

**ONE WORLD**  
He continued: The whole conception of one world, however distant that one world may be, involves an organization like the United Nations. To imagine that, by strict conformity to a single doctrine or approach, we can solve the problems of the world, is to forget the lessons of history and to ignore the realities of today.

"However difficult the path, it has to be pursued by repeated attempts at co-operation between all nations. Once that attempt is given up, the consequences can only be a preparation for a conflict on a world scale and the conflict itself."

Mr. Nehru was also asked what he thought the attitude of many states, such as India, might be if a proposal to reorganize or divide the United Nations should be made officially.

He replied: "It is thought by some people that in a circumstance of today, it is quite inevitable for the world to be divided up into two parts, hostile to each other, but there is also undoubtedly a refusal on the part of many countries to line up in this way."

**ONLY BREAK-UP**  
"These countries imagine that neither the pressure of world events nor their own destiny requires this lining up on either side."

"They will, therefore, maintain their separate identity and viewpoint and thus serve the cause they have at heart."

"If any attempt is made to change the essential nature of the United Nations, it will not lead to another or a more powerful organization which can work for peace."

"It would only mean the break-up of something that is actually and potentially valuable with nothing to take its place. I think, therefore, that the proposal to exclude any independent country from the United Nations is unwise and harmful."

**Lester Pearson In London**  
London, May 7.—Mr. Lester Pearson, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, arrived in London by air from Montreal tonight to attend the North Atlantic Council meetings.

Mr. Pearson told reporters: "We are looking forward to a good conference which will be important and constructive in making effective the Atlantic Pact, both in defence and on the economic side."

**Faisal Returns To School**  
Baghdad, May 7.—King Faisal of Iraq, who celebrated his 15th birthday on Tuesday, left here today for London to return to his studies at Harrow.

## That One's Mine!



THIS prize-winning photograph, entitled "My Turn," won first prize in a contest for Bob Doty, of Dayton, Ohio. It was made in Doty's backyard. (Acme).

## Tibetan Peace Delegates Await Hongkong Visas

Calcutta, May 7.—An official Tibetan delegation seeking a friendly pact with Communist China was stalled in Calcutta today, unable to find any Communists.

The seven-man group left Lhasa in February spending 28 days over the snow-blocked Himalayas to India hoping to get to Hongkong or a neutral point to contact Peking Government representatives.

The spokesman, hair-brained, affable Jigme Taring, said the mission offered the Communists "peace or everlasting opposition to any Communist invasion of Tibet."

The group, headed by Tibetan Finance Secretary Despon Shinkappa, arrived in Calcutta five weeks ago, and they are still awaiting British permission to enter Hongkong.

Taring said: "Our government do not understand the Communists' threats. We made repeated inquiries by radio and letter to Peking, but none was ever acknowledged."

Taring added: "The Foreign Ministry decided in January to send a delegation to the outside world to contact the Communists and seek an explanation of what is meant by 'liberation.' We are empowered to offer the Chinese Communists a peace treaty, but the only possible place to contact the Communists is to go to Hongkong where visas seem unobtainable."

**ANTI-RELIGION**  
Taring, who was educated in a British mission school, said: "There is no evidence of Communists in Tibet and we want no Communism. It is against religion. We are very religious people who are ready to give up our lives for our religion."

The party spokesman said Tibet expected military aid from Nepal, if invaded, under the 100-year-old treaty, by which Nepal promised to help Tibetans to repel any outside attacks.

Taring said: "We do not want to fight anyone. We are peaceful, religious people."

Taring, who said he is in the forties but who looks like he is in the late 20's, has faith in the ultimate success of the mission.

The co-leader of the mission is a Lama monk, Sechag Thubden Gyalo.

None of the party knows the length of time which will be required to see the Communists or how details will be worked out, but they are willing to wait.

Taring said: "If we do not get to Hongkong, maybe the Chinese will send an Ambassador to India where we can talk. If the Communists agree to a peace treaty it may be pony-expressed across the Himalayas to Lhasa for approval or decision, then sent back to us for official signature."

**EMBARRASSMENT**  
Taring pointed out that the Communists practically surround Tibet. He said his party had no contact with the Indian Government officially but has been repeatedly entertained in Government House.

British sources admitted that the delegation has placed them in an embarrassing position as two countries together to avert hostilities. They said the matter has been referred to London.

Taring concluded: "Although we have only a 10,000-man force, our people will fight to the death for our religion. We intend to stay until every possible way is tried."—United

## France Against Creation Of New German Army

Paris, May 7.—President Vincent Auriol said today that France could not agree to the creation of a new German army as a means of blocking Communism in Europe. His warning against unleashing a new German menace came as the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, arrived in Paris for talks with the French, preliminary to the Big Three conferences.

## SECRET PACT TO DIVIDE ALBANIA CHARGED

London, May 7.—Greek Communists have denounced the formation of an "Athens-Belgrade-Rome" plan for dividing up Albania, the Soviet news agency, Tass, reported in a despatch received in London today.

The Greek Communist Party's Political Bureau issued a resolution also charging that "a secret agreement has already been reached between Tito and the Yugoslav Government aimed at shedding the blood of the peoples of both countries and against the territorial integrity of Greece," according to this report.

The Politburo said that Marshal Tito was planning to "hand over to the monarchist Greek children" brought to Yugoslavia during the guerrilla fighting in Northern Greece.

It also charged that the "Americans are ready to hand over to Tito Salonika and Preveza (in Northern Greece) to strengthen thereby their imperialist bridgehead in the Balkans."

The Greek Politburo said that the Communist Party of Greece faced the task of "once more taking their place in the forefront ranks of the fighters for the democratic unification of all the forces of the people."

"The Communists are carrying out active activity among the troops, among the hundreds of thousands of mobilised sons of the people and organising them for the struggle against the American occupation, against the monarchist-Fascist, against a new war and for a better life."

## FINDING WORK FOR REFUGEES

Damascus, May 7.—The new United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which on May 1 formally took over from the Red Cross authorities the care of 900,000 Palestine refugees, made its first contact with the Syrian Government today.

Major General Howard Kennedy (Canada), the Director of the United Nations relief programme for Arab refugees, had an hour's talk with Khaleel Bey El Azur, the Syrian Premier.

General Kennedy will go to Iraq next week, and thence to Saudi Arabia.

The attitude of each government to the refugee problem will be considered before any plans are put into execution. The purpose of the agency is to provide work projects like the terracing of land, road-making, irrigation and the conservation of local water reserves.

General Kennedy said recently in Geneva that he expected that work would be found for about 100,000 of the refugees.—Reuter.

## ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Frankfurt, May 7.—The United States armed forces in Europe will be on holiday tomorrow to celebrate the fifth anniversary of V-E (Victory in Europe) Day, while West Germans will let the day pass without any sign of outward reflection.

On May 8, five years ago, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, the Chief of Staff of Hitler, battered and beaten Wehrmacht, signed the armistice protocol in Berlin that ended the conflict and most devastating war in Europe's history.

High Allied officers smiled as Keitel, who was later hanged at Nuremberg as a war criminal, signed the document that destroyed the ambitious dreams of the "Great German Reich."

Answers

1. The revolution of the earth around the sun. 2. "Bona

Arriving at Orly airfield just two minutes before Mr. Acheson, the American High Commissioner to Germany, Mr. John McCloy, told newsmen Germany definitely would be a topic of the Big Three conversations.

"This is not a point where further concessions to Germany will be decided," he said.

The United States has never proposed West German rearmament, but Mr. Auriol is evidently seeing a trend in that direction. He made it clear France would have nothing to do with such strategy.

President Auriol spoke before the Rheims Municipal Council on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the signing of the capitulation there. He said:

"We are disposed to pass over our sufferings and grudges, but on the one condition that the German people accept the necessary international control and do not reconstitute in either East or West an army or rearmament."

**NOW'S THE TIME**  
On his arrival, Mr. Acheson declined to elaborate on his statement, made when he left Washington, that now was the time to make a big push to build the "moral and material" strength of the West. On Monday he will talk with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, then fly to London to confer for two days with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

On Thursday the Ministers will begin the three-power talks, hailed as the most important since the war.

The United States has an all-star diplomatic team on hand in Paris. In addition to Mr. Acheson and Mr. McCloy, it includes the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George Perkins, the Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. Philip Jessup, the Ambassador to France, Mr. David Bruce, and the roving Marshall Plan Ambassador, Mr. Averell Harriman.

These diplomats and others of lesser rank met at the American Embassy this afternoon for a major policy discussion. As the conference got under way, a crowd of Communist demonstrators, including 2,000 French war veterans, marched along the Champs Elysees.

"Acheson back to New York!" and "France for Frenchmen!" No disturbances were reported.

**POLICY REVIEW**  
Mr. Acheson and his advisers went over the entire cold war strategic arena which would be covered by the next two weeks of Western power talks. Three main questions stood out: Germany, the Far East and the Atlantic Pact.

Mr. Acheson will find M. Schuman chiefly concerned about the surge of Communism through the Far East and, in particular, anxious to obtain a promise that the United States will underwrite France's war against Communist forces in Indo-China. M. Schuman is ready to offer progressively increased independence for Indo-China in exchange.

However, observers said that, while the United States believed it strategically necessary to back the French-sponsored Vietnamese Government, Emperor Bao Dai, the United States could not foot the bill for France's war there. Diplomatic sources said that the Western European nations they must make greater efforts themselves and rely less on American aid in the cold war.—United Press.

**INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION**

W T N

If you have not seen a puzzle on these lines before, you may well have realised that its solution does not require calculation whatever. The diagram shows the temples, marked T, since the distance between the temples must equal half the diameter of the park, i.e. 800 yards.

**CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

Answers

1. The revolution of the earth around the sun. 2. "Bona

Answers

## POCKET CARTOON



London Express Service.

## SOMOZA TAKES OVER REINS

Managua, Nicaragua, May 7.—General Anastasio Somoza, the Government candidate in this month's presidential elections, was today elected President by Congress to replace Dr. Victor Roman Y. Reyes, who died last night in Philadelphia. A specially session of Congress elected General Somoza unanimously to serve out the unexpired term.

In an acceptance speech, the new President said his programme would be the same as the platform on which he had been campaigning for the May 21 elections. He reiterated previous assurances that the elections would be entirely fair, free and honest.

General Somoza has been a dominant figure in Nicaraguan politics for more than 15 years.—United Press.

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